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In re Application of	:	
Hans-Peter Call	:	DECISION ON
PCT No.: PCT/EP96/02658	:	PETITION
U.S. Application No. 09/029,401	:	UNDER
Int. Filing Date: 19 June 1996	:	37 C.F.R. 1.182
Priority Date: 19 June 1996	:	
For: MULTICOMPONENT SYSTEM FOR USE	:	
WITH DETERGENT SUBSTANCES	:	

This decision is responsive to the communication entitled "PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.182 FOR CORRECTION OF ERROR IN TRANSCRIPTION" received 09 December 1998.

The petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.182 is GRANTED.

BACKGROUND

On 19 February 1998, the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) received a "TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371" for international application number PCT/DE96/02658 accompanied by a basic national fee of \$930.00, a copy of another published international application, namely PCT/EP96/02658 (WO 97/48786) and a copy of the international search report for PCT/EP96/02658.

On 03 August 1998, a letter from applicant inquiring about the status of the U.S. national stage filing of PCT/DE96/02658 was received. On 29 October, a letter was sent to applicant informing him that the transmittal letter and accompanying papers filed 19 February 1998 had been assigned U.S. application number 09/029,401, however, the application could not be further processed because no copy of international application number PCT/DE96/02658 was submitted to the DO/EO/US. Processing of the application was held in abeyance pending receipt of a copy of the international application PCT/DE96/02658.

On 19 November 1998, a letter was received from applicant which included a copy of application number PCT/EP96/02658. On 30 November 1998, a letter was received from applicant conveying that the reference to international application PCT/DE96/02658 was in error and applicant actually intended to enter the national stage of the prosecution of PCT/EP96/02658.

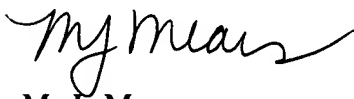
On 09 December 1998, the present petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.182 was received asking for correction of the error.

DISCUSSION

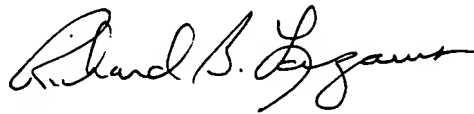
In the transmittal letter filed 19 February 1998, applicant indicates that a copy of the International Application as filed as well as a copy of the International Search Report was transmitted therewith. The International Application and International Search Report transmitted therewith correspond to PCT/EP96/02658 and not PCT/DE96/02658. Moreover, the international filing date and priority date indicated on the transmittal letter corresponds to PCT/EP96/02658 and not PCT/DE96/02658. Accordingly, it is apparent that applicant intended to file a U.S. national stage application of PCT/EP96/02658 and not PCT/DE96/02658.

CONCLUSION

Applicant's petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.182 is **GRANTED**. The application is being returned to the DO/EO/US for further processing of the above mentioned application papers as the national stage of International Application No. PCT/EP96/02658.



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